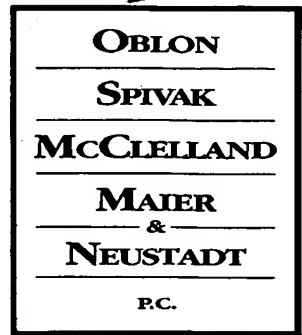


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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement of November 21, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II: Claims 18-25 and 32-33, drawn to a probe immobilized substrate and methods for preparing a probe-immobilized substrate, for further prosecution. Applicants also provisionally elect the species: SEQ ID NO:1 and a base sequence represented by the 415<sup>th</sup>-425<sup>th</sup> positions of SEQ ID NO:37 as the first and second probes. Claims 1-33 read on the elected species.

**Remarks** begin at page 2 of this paper.